FOREWORD

At a time when serious questions are being raised about the manner in which the nation utilizes its water resources, it is important to gain the insights of past leaders in the field of water resources development. This volume is the first in a new publication series, <u>Water Resources: People and Issues</u>, that will include interviews with individuals both inside and outside the Corps of Engineers.

William R. Gianelli's tenure as Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) was an important period in which the Corps of Engineers was challenged to rethink many of its policies and procedures. As a result of Mr. Gianelli's actions, our organization responds more quickly to public needs in carrying out its regulatory responsibilities. I recommend this interview to thoughtful officers and civilian members of the Engineer family.

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